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STATISTICAL BIBLIOGRAPHY

For a complete detailed study of the railroads of the United States the following list of statistical sources will be found valuable. This list includes only the more important sources.

I. INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION PUBLICATIONS

A. *Statistical of Railways in the United States*. Published annually. This is the most comprehensive and detailed work available, presenting operating and financial statistics of railroads in this country. It is compiled from the annual reports of each road to the Commission and contains the following tables: (1) general balance sheet, income statement, profit and loss statement, operating revenues and expenses in detail, operating statistics, and an itemized statement of capital and investment other than road and equipment. These tables are given for each railroad. The roads are divided according to the classification adopted by the Commission defined (p. 000) in this volume and tables arranged accordingly. (2) Preceding these tables is an analytical report by the Commission's statistician together with condensed tabulations summarizing the large tables.

This report is usually two years late in being published, but this disadvantage is partially offset by preliminary reports made as follows:

1. *Abstract of Statistics of Steam Railways in the United States*. A brief tabular summary of the statistics of the more important groups of railroads.

2. *Preliminary Abstract of Statistics of Common Carriers* containing an abstract of the individual reports of railroads to the Commission.

3. *Text of the Annual Report on the Statistics of Railways*, containing most of the tables, and summaries as well as the statistician's analyses which will appear in the final volume. This is not complete.

These statements appear in the above order anywhere from one to two years following the close of the fiscal year.

In addition, the Commission publishes as soon as possible after the close of each month a statement of the total monthly earnings and expenses of railroads.

II. STATE REPORTS

Most of the states having utilities or railroad commissions publish statistics covering the roads within their borders. Some of these, of which New York is typical, contain as complete and accurate information as to intrastate railroads as the Interstate Commerce Commission reports for interstate railroads. These can be obtained from the various state authorities.

III. RAILROAD STATISTICAL BUREAUS

Two bureaus maintained by the railroads publish at regular intervals statistics and other information concerning railroads.

1. The Bureau of Railway Economics, Washington, D. C., publishes a monthly statement of revenues and expenses of steam roads of Class I. In addition they publish other bulletins at intervals. Among the recent ones are the

following: (a) *Summary of Railway Returns for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1916* (similar report for 1915); (b) *Comparative Railway Statistics, United States and Foreign Countries 1912, and 1913*; (c) *Statistics of Railways 1904-1914. United States*. This bureau compiles its statistics from the annual reports of the railroads to the Interstate Commerce Commission and endeavors to publish them as soon as possible after the close of each stated period.

2. The Bureau of Railway News and Statistics of Chicago publishes annually a pamphlet containing statistical tables covering American and foreign railways, and also a number of *The Railway Library* which contains selections written by leading authorities in the field of transportation as well as statistical compilations.

The publications of these two bureaus can be obtained upon request.

IV. RAILWAY ANNUAL REPORTS TO STOCKHOLDERS

These are prepared according to forms prescribed by the Interstate Commerce Commission. They contain the most detailed statistical analysis of the individual roads obtainable.

V. POOR'S MANUAL OF RAILROADS AND MOODY'S MANUAL OF RAILROADS

each of which contains an analytical summary of statistics for each road in the United States with comparisons with previous years. The statistics are taken from the railroad's annual reports.

VI. VARIOUS BROKERAGE HOUSES

also compile and publish statistical reports dealing particularly with the financial aspects of the railroads.